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SUBJECT: ENERGY: EC AD HOC HIGH-LEVEL GROUP MEETING,  
MARCH 19

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1. CASPARE, WHO COMVERS PREPARATIONS FOR THE CONSUMER-  
PRODUCER CONFERENCE IN THE EC COMMISSION DIRECTORATE-  
GENERAL FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS, INFORMS US THAT THE FIRST  
MEETING OF THE EC AD HOC HIGH-LEVEL GROUP IN PARIS ON  
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MARCH 19 HAD NOT BEEN PARTICULARLY USEFUL. THE AD HOC GROUP

COVERED ESSENTIALLY THE SAME GROUND AS WAS BEING COVERED BY THE IEA STANDING GROUP FOR PRODUCER CONSUMER RELATIONS (THE TWO MEETINGS ACTUALLY OVERLAPPED IN TIME) AND ACHIEVED THE SAME RESULTS. IN CASPARI'S VIEW THE ONLY ADVANTAGE OF HAVING THE AD HOC GROUP MEET AT ALL WAS THAT IT TIED IN THE FRENCH.

2. HE SAID THE AD HOC GROUP DISCUSSED THE QUESTION OF TREATMENT OF RAW MATERIALS AT THE FULL CONFERENCE AND DECIDED TO RESIST ANY ATTEMPT TO HAVE IT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA. IF THE PRODUCERS AND LDC'S INSIST, HE SAID, IT WAS AGREED THAT RAW MATERIALS COULD BE SUBSUMED UNDER EITHER THE AGENDA ITEM ON THE GENERAL SITUATION OR THE ONE ON COOPERATION ON DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS.

3. CASPARI SAID THE QUESTION OF PARTICIPATION IN THE FULL CONFERENCE WAS STILL DIFFICULT. THE UK WAS INSISTING ON ITS OWN REPRESENTATION WHICH CASPARI BELIEVES WOULD OPEN THE DOOR TO FAR TOO MANY OTHERS. NOTHING WAS RESOLVED AND THE ISSUE WAS HELD OVER FOR THE APRIL 4 MEETING. CASPARI BELIEVES THE DECISION AS TO WHO WILL ATTEND THE FULL MEETING WILL NOT EVEN BE RESOLVED AT THE PREPCON EXCEPT IN GENERAL TERMS SUCH AS A DECISION BETWEEN A BILATERAL OR TRILATERAL FORMAT.

4. CASPARI WAS GENERALLY OPTIMISTIC. HE PRAISED THE US DELEGATION'S FLEXIBILITY AT THE GOVERNING BOARD MEETING AND SAID THE FRENCH WERE BEING COOPERATIVE IN THE AD HOC GROUP. GREENWALD

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